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# LARC



January 2013

## President's Message

Well, a new year has started and it looks like the Mayan's were wrong on their "Doomsday" prediction.

There were some "Doomsday" Special Event Stations on the air on December 21<sup>st</sup>, hope some of you worked a few, I only worked three, then there were some SE Stations "Day After Doomsday" and you might have worked some of them, I did not hear any.

By now, most of our readers have been informed that I have chosen not to continue as the AARA Club President for 2013-2014, nothing to do with the Club, Members or any other reason, I just think it is time for some younger person with more energy and ideas to step up. I still believe the AARA is best and most active in the state of Louisiana and I am sure most will agree with me. Let's try to keep it that way.

The nominating committee (Nick Pugh K5QXJ - Chairperson) will present a proposed slate of officers and two (2) Members-at-Large for the Board of Directors [see Article VIII Section 1.B.1. and if applicable Three (3) Members-at-Large will be presented] at the January membership meeting each year. This slate will be published in the February issue of the LARC, the official journal of association. Nominations from the floor and the election will take place at the February membership meeting. Nominations presented by the nominating committee or from the floor must have the prior consent of the nominee.

I have resumed the position as LARC Editor as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 and anyone having articles or can still submit them to me. I would also like to encourage you to get involved more in your club even if it is a small part. This could even be as small as checking in on some of your local 2 meter nets, sharing some ideas you have encountered in construction of your station or helping out a fellow amateur radio operator. Remember, we are family, and as a family, it is our duty to help each other when in need.

Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP (Hamfest Chairman), Rick Breaux N5RLM (Assistant Hamfest Chairperson), Roland Guidry (Webmaster) and others (too many to mention) are in the process of making our March 8 & 9, 2013 53<sup>rd</sup> AARA Hamfest a even greater one than last year's.

Please check out our AARA 2013 Hamfest website for updated information at:

<http://www.w5ddl.org/hamfest/>

Herman Campbell KN5GRK - AARA President

**The AAARA January Meeting will take place on Thursday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 at 7:00 PM at the Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat St., Scott, LA.  
VE TESTING @ 6:00 PM**



## New Technician License Classes

Beginning on Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013, a new class for Amateur Radio Technician Class License will kick off at 5:30 PM at the Children's Museum of Acadiana and run for eight consecutive weeks on Thursday evenings. No other info at this time. Check your e-mails for updates.

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### CORRECTION:

In the December issue of the LARC minutes, the following correction needs to be made:

Delete the following:

*"Laurie Hix from FLEX Radio will put on a software defined radio forum".*

Insert the following:

*"Lori Hicks from FLEX Radio stated that if FLEX Radio attends the AARA Hamfest, there will be a SDR forum."*

-Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP  
AARA Hamfest Chairperson

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 7:00 PM  
Red Cross Building - 101 N. Pat St.  
Scott, LA

### HAMFEST SCHEDULE

32<sup>nd</sup> Hammond Hamfest  
January 19, 2013 - Hammond, LA

### Local 2-Meter Nets

#### Sunday

Opelousas Area ARA Net 7:00 PM  
147.150 PL 103.5 Carencro, LA

#### Monday

AARA Monday Night Net 7:00 PM  
146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

#### Tuesday

Acadiana ARES Net 7:00 PM  
145.370 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

#### Thursday

Kid's Net 7:00 PM  
146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

#### Friday

HEAL Net 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays Only 1:00 PM  
146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

### AARA OFFICERS 2012-2013

**President - Herman Campbell**  
**KN5GRK**

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## Boy Scout Winter Camp Radio Merit Badge Course

On November Friday, November 16 thru November 20, 2012 a Radio Merit Badge Course was held at the Mountain Bayou Lake Boy Scout Winter Camp near Chicot State Park between Opelousas and Alexandria.

The Acadiana Amateur Radio Association, Inc. (AARA) had volunteer members to help out in this event dedicated to helping Scouts obtain their Radio Merit Badge.



Tower/Antennas

Archie

Glen with Go-Kit Station

On Friday, Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP brought the AARA Club tower trailer to the site, Archie Hill W5AG, set up the tower, Ten 3 Yagi and Alpha Delta DX-CC fan dipole while Glen set up his "Go-Kit" portable station for the Scouts to operate.



Archie with Scouts making some contacts.

There were 15 scouts in the 10:15 am class and 4 scouts in the 1:30 pm class. The classes were scheduled to run from Saturday thru Tuesday of the week of Thanksgiving. 33 troops were represented at this Winter Camp.

Archie W5AG was the lead instructor with

the help of Scoutmaster Bob Hess KB5AWT. EchoLink communications to the Scout site and Lafayette were provided by the KD5DFL repeater in Pineville, the W5DDL repeater in Lafayette, and KN5GRK link in Lafayette.

Some of the local Scouts that made some contacts were: Cameron, Matthew, and Dave of Opelousas, John and Taggart KF5QAY of Lafayette, Caleb of New Iberia, Xander of Houston, and Phillip of Abbeville.

Some of the hams that volunteered to talk to the Scouts were: Don W5EQO of Plano, TX - Dave AC0RY of Park Hill, MO - Dick WA5CAV of Pineville, LA - Jerry KE5YRY of Alexandria, LA - Lee AE5VD of New Mexico - Nick K5QXK, Herman KN5GRK of Lafayette and Jackie KA5LMZ of Morgan City.



## DECEMBER 2012 AARA MEETING MINUTES December 6, 2012

### CLUB MEETING:

- The AARA President Herman KN5GRK opened the meeting.
- Herman led the prayer and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance. We prayed for a quick recovery for Joy Breau N5YCS and Danny Griffith K5ARH.
- There were 23 members and 3 visitors in attendance.
- Everyone introduced themselves and gave interesting contacts during November.
- Joy Breau N5YCS joined us for the Christmas Banquet!! Everyone was glad to see her!

**Minutes:** The November minutes were not read as they were posted in the December LARC – accepted as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** Joy Breau gave the Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented. The Financial Report is not published in the LARC; any member wanting a copy can contact Joy N5YCS.

If you pay dues of \$20.00 now, you will be paid up for 2012 & 2013.

### Old Business:

Archie Hill W5AG will give a report on the Boy Scout Winter Camp at the January meeting.

Paula Romero KF5CNS is still the only one so far to achieve the Technician Certificate for working the complete alphabet of calls ending in A-Z.

### New Business:

**2013 Hamfest:** The 2013 Hamfest will be held at the Rayne Convention Center on March 8 – 9, 2013. Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP, volunteered to be Chairman. Glen will give a report at the January meeting.

Roland Guidry NA5Q has updated the AARA Hamfest website.

### Nomination Committee:

Chairman, Nick Pugh K5QXJ, members Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD, Archie Hill W5AG, and Galen Wilson KF5BET. The nominating committee will present a proposed slate of officers and two (2) Members-at-Large for the Board of Directors [see Article VIII Section 1. B.1.] and if applicable Three (3) Members-at-Large will be presented at the January membership meeting each year. This slate will be published in the February issue of the LARC, the official journal of association. Nominations from the floor and the election will take place at the February membership meeting. Nominations presented by the nominating committee or from the floor must have the prior consent of the nominee. Elections held, new officers will be installed at the March meeting after the Hamfest.

**Other Announcements:** Herman Campbell KN5GRK spoke about the Refreshment List for 2013. We need members to sign up.

Herman Campbell KN5GRK is making it officially known that as of January 1, 2013, he will no longer call the Gulf Coast Sideband Net on Monday night at 0030 UTC on 3925 KHz.

### Dates of Interest:

12/15/2015 – MARA Christmas Hamfest

1/19/2013 – Hammond, LA

3/8-9/2013 – AARA Hamfest

At the close of the meeting, we had Door Prizes. Thanks to all who brought side dishes for making it such a wonderful Christmas Banquet.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF  
AARA Secretary

## 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Hammond Hamfest (NEW Location)

**Date:** Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013

**Time:** 8:00 AM til

**Location:** Quality Inn & Conference Center, 2000 South Morrison Blvd, Hammond, LA 70403

**Talk-in:** 147.000 (-600),  
WB5NET PL 107.2

**Free Admission & Free Parking**

**Swap Tables:** \$15.00 each

**Hourly Prize Drawings**

**VE Testing**

**Forums**

### Dealers & Vendors

Hub City Amateur Radio Sales

JMR Sales

Regal-Brown

MCM Computers

Ham Radio World Inc.

### MAIN PRIZES

**Grand Prize:** Icom IC-7200 HF Transceiver (160-10 meters)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize:** Icom IC-V8000 2 meter FM 75 watt mobile Transceiver

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize:** MFJ-259B Antenna Analyzer (1.8-170 MHz)

**4<sup>th</sup> Prize:** Icom IC-V80 Sport 2 meter Handheld

For more information visit our website at:

<http://www.selarc.org/selarchamfest.htm>



## GO-KIT DAY - Part 1

November 17, 2012

On November 17<sup>th</sup>, members of the *Acadiana Amateur Radio Association, Inc.* met on the farm of member Ed Roy WA5TNK around 0900 to do a testing of their emergency radio communications Go-Kits. Ed's farm is located between Grand Coteau and Arnaudville on Hwy. 93. The weather was just perfect, not a cloud in the sky, a light jacket needed in the early part of the day but shirt sleeve weather around noon in this wide open space. Three separate Go-Kit stations showed up for this event and details of each will be included in the next three issues of the LARC.

### Purpose:

To gain experience setting up and operating your personal GO-KIT with "hands-on" experience. To check out different antenna configurations and power settings using emergency power

### Objective:

To get an idea of what you will need to operate and sustain yourself in the field at times of a real emergency and too have fun with fellow hams, local & nationwide at this time.

First up will be the team station of Nick Romero KE5MWX, James Williams KF5RBW and Paula Romero KF5CNS a.k.a "The Hammer Group".

### Setup:

**Transceiver:** Yaesu 897 @ 75 watts.

**Antenna:** Homebrew rotatable dipole at 10 feet with 50' of 50 ohm coax, no tuner, SWR 1.2 to 1.

**Power Source:** 12 volt 850 cca deep cycle battery.



View of location on Ed's farm



Nick KE5MWX - James KF5RBW



Paula Romero KF5CNS - Nick - James



View of antenna

The "Hammer Group" made a total of 87 contacts in 3.5 hours. We used the 20 meter band and a frequency of 14.275, our weakest contact was a 55 and our strongest was 40 over. We were able to reach California on the West Coast with no problem at a 59 and Niagara Falls, NY on the East Coast with a 59, and North Dakota / Minnesota with a 59, and contacts with Puerto Rico, and the Turks Islands, 3 contacts with Ontario, Canada and an emergency shelter in South Carolina that was being operated by WD4ESX "Tom", who was in the process of testing equipment for an emergency situation. He also gave us a true reading of our signal which was a 20 over into his station.

This was a good test to see if our equipment would work under a power failure or a natural disaster and to see if we could reach out and try to make contact with the outside world in order to get help into an area that might need assistance.

Overall we achieved our goal, made a few good contacts, and met a lot of good amateur radio friends along the way. We are looking forward in participating in another "Mini-Field Day" adventure.

73 de "The Hammer Group"

Nick, James & Paula

Next month in the February issue - Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP and his "Go-Kit" setup.

## NOVEMBER 2012 ACADIANA AREA 2 METER NET REPORTS

NET	SESSIONS:	TOTAL CHECK-INS:	TOTAL TRAFFIC:	TOTAL TIME: Minutes	Net Manager
OAARC Net - Opelousas Area Amateur Radio Club	4	33	2	88	N5LRZ Ray
AARA Monday Night Net	4	43	1	91	W5GTI Mark
Acadiana ARES Net	4	24	Ø	65	N5LRZ Ray
Kid's Thursday Night Net	3	20	Ø	35	KF5BEW Abbi KF5FYS Kendra
HEAL Net      *(M=Medical G=Guest)	2	M=4/G+4	Ø	19	KE5KJD Larry

*Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year.*

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

## AARA 2013-2014 Membership

It's that time of the year again, Joy N5YCS, AARA Treasurer, will be accepting new/renewal of membership in the AARA. By becoming a member, you will have voting privileges in club elections, edibility to run for office, get on the "members only" e-mail list and when you attend a General Meeting, you will receive one ticket to a special drawing for a handi-talki given away each year at the March General Meeting Hamfest Banquet held after the AARA Hamfest plus a few other benefits.

You may pick up a membership application at the AARA General Meetings, or download one in Adobe .PDF format from the AARA website at: <http://www.w5ddl.org/>

Print it out fully (make sure you put your birthday) and mail it proper funds by check made out to: "**AARA**" and mail it to:

Joy Breaux N5YCS  
P.O. Box 356  
Duson, LA 70529



### JANUARY 2013 BIRTHDAYS

1/1	K5QXJ	NICK
1/3	N5AUO	BARBARA
1/5	W5AG	ARCHIE
1/10	N5EEH	DAVID
1/24	DAVID	N5OB
1/29	LEE	KF5EUD
1/31	ANDREW	KE5OGA
2/3	JIM	N5NVP
2/4	WESTON	KB5WI

Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership causing some names to be missing from the list.

## January 2013 Special Events & Contests

JAN. 06	ARRL Kids Day
JAN. 12	W4FFC - State of Florida 175 <sup>th</sup> Constitution Convention Commemorative Special Event.
JAN. 12	NI6IW - USS NAUTILUS first ship underway on nuclear power 1954; U.S. Seal Teams established 1962.
JAN. 14-22	W3A - Inaguration of Barack Obama
JAN. 26-27	AL7LS - Hot Rods to Hell 46 Filming Anniversary.
FEB. 01-04	W5B - Buddy Holly Memorial, 54 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Death of Buddy Holly.
FEB. 01-02	W5NAC - Shuttle Columbia 10 Year Anniversary Memorial Event Station.
FEB. 02	K3HWJ - Commemorating Groundhog Day.

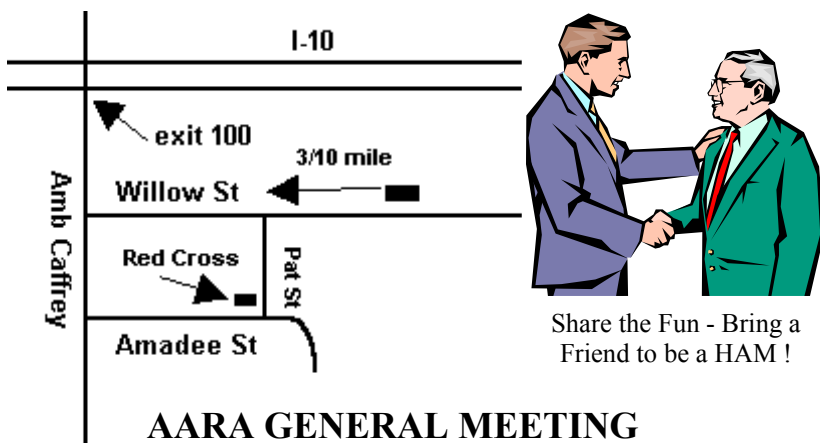
### READY TO ROLL!

*The AARA Club Amateur Mobile Operating Service (AMOS) Van has now been repaired and given the State Inspection Sticker which is good for the next two years, thanks to Glen KF5FNP and Wayne AF5EJ.*



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Share the Fun - Bring a  
Friend to be a HAM !

## **AARA GENERAL MEETING**

**Thursday January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 - 7:00 PM**

**VE Testing @ 6:00 PM**

**Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat St., Scott, LA**

**Lunch Bunch - Each Wednesday 10:45 AM - 2:00 PM**

Golden Corral - Amb. Caffery - Lafayette, LA

Check 146.820 PL 103.5 - repeater for info.

COMPLIMENTARY  
ISSUE



## **Braised Pork Chops**

The Loveless Cafe

- |   |                                       |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| 2 tbs. Canola oil   | 2 tbs. Light-brown sugar              |
| 6 6 oz. Boneless center-cut pork<br>Chops, trimmed of any fat | 1 tbs. Worcestershire or soy<br>Sauce |
| 1 tsp. Dijon mustard  | 1 tsp. Garlic salt                    |
| 1 tbs. Red-wine vinegar                                       | Sprigs fresh parsley for garnish      |

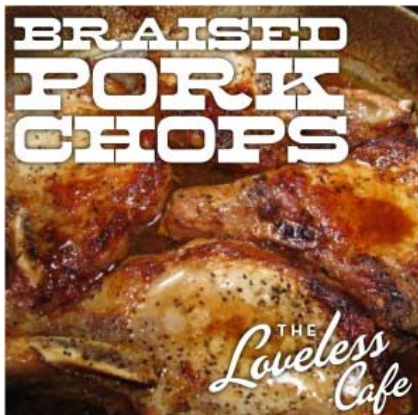
Heat oil in a large heavy-bottomed skillet over medium high heat. Brown pork chops on all sides. 2 to 3 minutes per side.

Meanwhile, in a medium bowl, stir together mustard, vinegar, sugar, Worcestershire sauce and garlic salt with 1/3 cup water. Pour over pork chops. Reduce heat, cover and cook until tender, about 1 hour.

Transfer pork to a serving platter. Raise heat to medium-high and cook sauce until thickened, about 5 minutes. Pour sauce over pork chops; garnish with parsley and serve immediately.

Note: Recipe from "Southern Country Cooking from the Loveless Cafe" by Jane and Michael Stern

Send your favorite recipes to:  
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**[ulscomm@fcc.gov](mailto:ulscomm@fcc.gov)**

FCC Website:

**<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>**

New call sign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/VEC at 860-594-3000.

**<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec>**

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1270 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325-7245